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## Honor, Judicial Conference Held

by CHRISTINE CONNELL

This weekend MWC hosted the 10th Annual Virginia Honor and Judicial System Conference.

The purpose of the Conference which was attended by 97 representatives from 19 institutions, was to exchange ideas, talk about problems related to the Honor and Judicial systems and seek solutions.

The conference began Friday afternoon, February 3, in Monroe 104, with welcoming messages from Dean Joanne Southworth and President William Anderson. Dean Southworth stressed the importance of student participation in the Honor and Judicial systems and described the conference as a "meeting of the minds."

President Anderson talked about the need and support for higher education and told the representatives that they "play a vital role in the system."

Following the official welcome, James Miller, Honor Council President, gave a quick briefing on the conference schedule and introduced Russell H. Roberts.

Roberts spoke on the subject of "Due Process: Honor Proceedings v. Civil Trials." During his speech he pointed out several differences between Honor proceedings and actual Civil trials. He also stressed the importance of giving the accused written notice of the charges made against him.

The subject of notifying the accused sparked discussion in the audience and caused several schools to respond.

Mary Baldwin College responded saying that under their system the accused is given a copy of the investigation thus making them totally aware of the charges.

A representative from George Mason University felt that the standard used in their system does not make the charges clear to the accused and hopes to improve that in the near future.

At the end of the discussion periods following the first session the representatives were led to Seacobek's Green Room for a buffet style dinner.

At 7 p.m. the sessions resumed in Monroe 104 with a look at "Behavioral Science in the Law" given by Mary A. K. Kelly, Director of the Counseling Center.

Kelly talked about the importance of body language and speech patterns used in the courtroom. The question of intent on the part of the accused was also presented and stimulated a representative from VMI to respond quickly "no intent-no violation."

Following Kelly's presentation, James Miller spoke to the representatives about "A New Idea-Virginia Association of Judicial Bodies." He noted the need for better and more communication among the Commonwealth's Honor and Judicial systems. Finally, the attendees reached a decision to form and ad hoc committee. Several schools including the College of Williams and Mary and the University of Richmond volunteered to sit on the committee.

The evening ended with a reception at Trench Hill which allowed the representatives to speak among themselves in a less formal atmosphere.

Several students from MWC voiced their opinions on the conference. Troy Knighton, Sophomore Representative, Judicial Council, thought the conference was "honor oriented and should somehow involve the judicial system more." Another Sophomore Representative, Donna Metzger said she learned a lot but she wished it could "relate to Judicial matters more." Katie Werner, Senior Representative, Honor Council, said, "It was better than last year because of a change in format from multi-panel to single lecturer."

Students from other schools spoke out as well. Steve Parsons, a representative from Hampden-Sydney said smoothly down to the parking-very organized." Steve Grist, a representative from Washington and Lee, said, "It cleared up a lot of questions on intent and was educational."

The conference resumed on Saturday morning. During the first session of the day, "Educating the Student Body", James Miller showed a slide presentation about the MWC Honor System at work.

Mike D'Amico continued the session by giving his ideas on leadership and pointing out important characteristics that good student leaders should have. A question and answer period followed in which different schools addressed problems and good points about their own systems.

At 11:00 a.m. The Honorable J. M. H. Willis, Jr., Circuit Court Judge, gave a moving speech which seemed to stir some excitement among the representatives. He told the captive audience to "keep yourself physically fit. Nourish the animal, nourish the mind and nourish the spirit."

After Judge Willis' speech evaluation forms concerning the conference were distributed and completed by the representatives.

The conference ended around noon with a bid from Virginia Tech to hold the conference there next year.



*The 10th Annual Virginia Honor and Judicial System Conference was called to order this past weekend.*

*Photo by Mark Bentley*

## Judicial Sanctions 'Consistent'

by SUSAN LOYD

It may appear to many that MWC's Judicial Court is distributing harsher sanctions than it has in the past, in actuality this is not the case. "It's not that the penalties are more strict," said sophomore judicial representative Troy Knighton, "just more consistent."

In order to regain credibility and respect among the student body the court is striving for coherence toward former policies and creating more stringent policies in areas such as safety hazard violations.

As an example to explain the court's move toward consistency, Knighton cited the case of the student who sets his or her alarm clock

in order to meet visitation deadline, but for one reason or another the alarm fails to go off.

In the past the court would have taken into consideration the fact that the student did try to make a sign-out time, it will now handle such a case in the same manner as that of the student who made no effort to avoid violating visitation.

Dean of Students Joanne Southworth explained that the present Judicial Chairman Mike D'Amico has "put in long hours" to shape the system and is currently working with the court to modify policies and procedures so that the organization will run more smoothly in the future. Chairman D'Amico was unavailable for comment.

Southworth also stated that

although the Judicial Court did not seem to have much power in the past, this year has brought on an obvious change. "I feel more students respect the court than they did in the past," she explained.

Southworth also felt that the court has gained more credibility this year. This observation is heightened by the fact that the Judicial Court recently co-hosted the statewide 10th Annual Virginia Judicial System Conference with the MWC Honor Council.

The Conference was held Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4 and included representatives from various institutions such as the University of Virginia, William and Mary, VPI, and James Madison University.

## Editorial

# Consistency?

For the second weekend in a row, MWC hosted legislators of a sort from throughout the state. And as did the Legislative Tour, the 10th Annual Honor and Judicial System Conference has brought a glaring weakness to our attention. That weakness is in our Judicial System.

With the success of 24-hour visitation and the increase in honor violation convictions, the Judicial System has been under less scrutiny than in the past. The attention of the students and, yes, *The Bullet* has been elsewhere. Meanwhile, our court has become "more consistent", and in our view, less suited to student needs.

Dean Joanne Southworth and members of the court feel this consistency will help the system regain credibility. Not so. If our Honor Court looks at each conviction on its own merit, as Honor Council President James Miller says it does, then shouldn't each judicial conviction be considered on its own merit? Shouldn't those who do try to avoid violation be given more lenient sentences than those who simply ignore the Judicial System?

If the Judicial Court wants our respect, we suggest it realizes that most judicial convictions do not radically change the course of a student's life, as does an honor conviction. Most companies are glad to hire someone whose *worst* record blemish is a visitation violation. By insisting on consistent sentencing, the court is assuming a position it does not hold in the eyes of most students.

The court does serve a purpose, but exactly what that purpose is has been the subject of many debates. There has been speculation about each residence hall establishing its own system, and we suggest that MWC look further into such alternatives.

At least two MWC delegates felt this past weekend's conference should have concentrated more on judicial matters. We at *The Bullet* feel the entire campus should do the same.

### To the editor:

This letter is in response to the January 31 article by Kathryn Parsons, "New Style Kegger Put to Test."

Specifically it refers to the final two paragraphs in which Parsons so boldly states the opinions of Dean Baker and Class Council President Debbie Young. Baker and Young agree, says Parsons, that the beer pummers were negligent in their job of taking tickets, and upon only breaking even, "charged the discrepancy to the pummers, who allowed people to take beer without giving a ticket in return."

Assuming that Parsons is accurate in her reporting, we would like to direct this letter specifically to Dean Baker and Debbie Young if we may.

Negligence is a serious charge. But even more serious is the loose and irresponsible way this charge was handled. I'm not sure how these opinions found their way into *The Bullet*, or even if they are accurate, but they did nevertheless appear in *The Bullet* and must therefore be addressed. Such statements had no business being there. Let us explain.

This new style kegger was the first of its kind at MWC, and in a sense was an experiment. For Class Council to absolve itself of all responsibility for the outcome of a party that it sponsored and use the beer pummers as a scapegoat for any shortcomings of the party is in itself negligent.

Those members of Class Council that worked the party were also irresponsible in the way they chose to handle their money. Class Council did not have a representative in the beer room to assure that each person gave up a ticket for each beer served. They merely assumed that four beer pummers, without previous notice of the ticket system, would be able to successfully monitor the tickets of upwards of one-hundred people at any given time in what was an overcrowded situation.

Now that we are on the subject of overcrowdedness, I would like to question Class Council as to the number of people that were in attendance of the party at any given time. It was by far the most crowded party we have ever seen. Should we be looking at another case of negligence? The fire code allows for only 450 people in Seacobec basement at one time.

We feel it is unfortunate that references to negligence must appear in *The Bullet* for the second consecutive week, however, we are merely attempting to point out that there is a responsible way to approach such a problem after all we are all on the same team and would all like to see a successful solution to the keg party problem.

As for Dean Baker's alleged statements, we feel that since he did not attend the party, and has no first hand knowledge of it, his charges are unfounded and based on heresy.

We would like to offer several sug-

gestions for future keg parties under the ticket system:

1. Most importantly, those sponsoring the party need to take an active responsibility for their money. Specifically, they should place a representative in the beer room with the sole purpose of taking tickets. The pummers have their hands full serving beer.

2. Ticket purchasing tables should be placed as far as possible from the beer room.

3. The 450 person fire code limit should be strictly adhered to in order to prevent overcrowding in the beer room which in turn will help to prevent the stealing of beer.

Again, we would like to say that we feel negligence is a rather harsh accusation. In this case either everyone involved with staging the party was negligent, or no one was. We would prefer to believe the latter. Now, through experience, we have the means to refine and make successful the ticket system. Now let's see if from here on out we can approach this problem in a responsible way with no finger pointing.

Sincerely,

Robert Wood  
Brad Braden  
Steve Patrick  
Alex Stylos

# Officers Explain

### To the editor:

On behalf of Class Council, we would like to address the article "New Style Kegger Put to Test" by Kathryn Parsons in the January 31st edition of *The Bullet*. First and foremost, we would like to extend our apologies to Brad Braden, Rob Wood, Alex Stylos and Steve Patrick. We do not feel that the beer pummers were "negligent" or in any way responsible for the financial outcome of the keg party.

In the past year, Class Council, in order to attract more students to social functions, has attempted to offer a variety of alternatives. One alternative was to extend party hours past midnight. The 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. "Twilite Luau" was approved by the administration under the stipulation of reduced admission fees and beer tickets. With only a week to finalize and implement the new set-up, time limitations played a significant role in party operations. New procedures created problems which unfortunately were not anticipated.

We agree with Dean Baker that "the system is not perfect"; however, faults in the system should not be blamed on specific individuals, but responsibility should be taken by the sponsor of the event. In the future, if Class Council sponsors a similar party, ticket collection

will be under tighter regulations. Although ignorance is not an excuse for problems that may arise, unforeseen events (i.e., spectacular crowds) are just that, unforeseen.

Furthermore, we would like to point out, that Class Council does not sponsor events in order to incur profits. We are not a money-making organization! On the other hand, we are student representatives who are working within our budget to provide maximum social events for your year.

In the future, we would highly advise that correct facts and representation concerning Class Council functions be presented. Again, Class Council extends their apologies to the beer pummers.

Sincerely,

The Class Council Officers  
LaVonda Simpson, President  
Vanessa Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer  
Darnell Horio, Publicity Chairperson

# Why the Fuss?

### To the editor:

Concerning the recent visit of Governor Robb and the Virginia General Assembly, I'm sure that Robb and company were appropriately impressed with the snow/ice free sidewalks, the immaculate lawn in front of duPont and the swept street in front of ACL. Who wouldn't be? Even I was impressed. But I wonder if Robb would have been as impressed had he visited the campus the previous week when the snow and ice were left on the sidewalks? Would he have thought it impressive to see students (and professors!) slide from building to building?

I can appreciate the fact that MWC needed to make a good impression on Robb (William B. Crawley Jr. stressed the need for this "impression"); state funds are precious. But what kind of an example is the school setting when one week it jeopardizes the students safety and the following week shovels and sweeps for a visiting VIP? Someone in the system is a hypocrite.

Sincerely,

Andrea Canova

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*Editor's Note: Our reporter simply reported the facts as explained by Young and Baker. The Bullet does, however, apologize for naming Debbie Young Class Council President when, in fact, she is President of the Junior Class.*

# Presidential Thanks to Student Body

An Open Letter to the Students of  
Mary Washington College

I am pleased to report that the recent visit to our campus by Governor Robb and the General Assembly was a great success—due in large measure to the favorable impression made upon them by you, the student body. I would like to take this means of expressing my appreciation not only to those students who performed so capably in carrying out various responsibilities directly related to the tour, but also to the rest of the student body whose cooperation contributed significantly to the creation of a most positive image of the College.

In talking with our guests during

William M. Anderson, Jr.  
President

the tour, it became clear that they were favorably impressed with many aspects of the institution—the beauty of its campus (even amid the dreariness of winter), the efficiency and hospitality of its employees, and, above all, the quality and friendliness of its students. This did not come as a surprise to me because I, along with other MWC faculty and staff, have long been aware that our student body was outstanding. I am glad that now the legislature of Virginia also knows it!

Again, I thank you for contributing to the success of this important event in the life of our College.

To begin with, Reagan is NOT a war monger and if all of the children in society have been dead from never dreaming, then why are we all in college right now? I personally disagreed with pretty much everything this movie said and stood for, as do many informed individuals

Dear Editor,

I just returned from viewing a film entitled *America From Hitler to MX*. If you missed it, oh well, I'm sure you spent your time much more beneficially than I. I had several problems with this film, which I wish to write about to express my opinion of this nuclear weapons feature.

To start with, the side portrayed was quite biased, so viewers were only shown the opinions of various blue collar, liberal democrats. This group did some extreme things ranging from calling President Reagan "blunt and war-mongering" to saying that we are "killing our children" by taking away their dreams. Be REAL!! To begin with, Reagan is NOT a war monger and if all of the children in society have been dead from never dreaming, then why are we all in college right now? I personally disagreed with pretty much everything this movie said and stood for, as do many informed individuals

of a more conservative political affiliation.

There were many issues shown and talked about by these rather one-sided individuals. It was said that the U.S. does not need nuclear weapons, that we don't need to run against the USSR by trying to match or even surpass their nuclear technology and resources. One even asked, "Do we really need the defense programs?" I wonder if these people ever think about what it would be like if the U.S. did NOT have nuclear weapons while the Soviet Union did? The Soviet Union would totally control and dominate our every international economic and political move.

Another statement was made about how terrible it was for the "imperialistic" United States to want to have first-strike capabilities. Of course, we need a first-strike capability!!! The more even the U.S. and USSR are, the safer it will be.

This way both sides will have their hands on the table and will be less likely to start something or to keep certain secrets!

What we need, as Richard Nixon states in his new book *Real Peace*, is "hard-headed detente". This is detente which is enforceable, detente with deterrence.

Nuclear weapons, whether one likes it or not, are the guarantee of peace—provided there is a balance of forces. Only such a balance could lead to good relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

On a final note, I would simply like to stress that as one watches films such as these, he should weigh his own opinions on each issue and realize that all actors are not necessarily qualified, educated or even relatively informed on the subject of nuclear weapons!

Concerned and Republican,  
Jennifer Lee

## Student Questions World

To the editor:

I would appreciate it if you would print the following announcement:

Hark! Hear the cry of the people, "We have no vision! The house of humanity is divided; how shall it stand?"

This cry, this question, is addressed to everyone of the campus body and the community at large who is concerned about the present condition and the future of life on the planet earth. I am not referring to the threat of nuclear war only. This is too narrow. The subject is life.

The matter is to seek a common understanding of the many facets of life through coming together—scientist, religious, literary scholar,

philosopher, politician, people of law, doctors, students, mothers, historians, artists, etc.—to communicate. I propose an interdisciplinary, inter-cultural society.

What are some of the questions and concerns before us? Possibly:

1. How is man going to survive the technological age?
2. What are the ramifications of a nation of poorly educated people?
3. A two party system, does it work anymore?
4. Cultural Degeneration.
5. The lack of communication between the political, the scientific, and the religious communities in the U.S.A. and the world.
6. The decline of ethics in a com-

plicated world.

7. Does science have all the answers?
8. What price for peace?
9. God, myth or reality?
10. What does  $E=mc^2$  mean for the common person?

The questions and concerns are as diverse as life itself.

All who are interested please meet in Monroe 207 on Monday at 7 p.m. For more information call Carl M. DeLaurier at 373-9255 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or anytime after 9 p.m.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Carl M. DeLaurier

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## Mortar Board Apologizes

To the editor:

On behalf of the Mary Washington Mortar Board Society, we wish to apologize for the late notification off-campus students received for our eligible reception. This reception, held February 2nd, was primarily a time to honor those who are eligible and to answer any questions regarding Mortar Board. Because of technical difficulties in publications, invitations were mailed later than we originally scheduled. For those who did not have time to respond, please pick up an information sheet from Jennifer Sporer (Westmoreland 316).

fill it in and return by February 13th. We encourage all eligibles to fill out this form.

Once again, please accept our apologies if you did not receive an invitation to the reception in time. If you are eligible and interested in our organization, pick up an information sheet in Westmoreland 316. Any questions are welcome.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sporer, Vice-President in  
Charge of Elections (x4407)

Rose Marie Finney, President  
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# Nuclear Film Series Lacks Credibility

The first in a series of films on the nuclear arms issue ran Wednesday (in Monroe 104) and was accompanied by a discussion of sorts afterwards. If the purpose of this series is to enlighten us about the issue as a whole, then the first film failed dismally. If the purpose is to demonstrate the extremity to which political groups will go in suppressing information, evading issues and distorting fact, then it was a huge success.

First, the film was one-sided. It presented, emphatically, the anti-nuclear point of view with no mention to the opposing argument. There is nothing wrong or unusual about this technique in itself, but in adopting it, the makers of this particular film divest themselves of a large part of the credibility essential to a point of view which seeks a larger following. The major opposing school of thought to the peace or anti-nuclear movement of today, is that which centers around the concept of deterrence, an idea that was

not even addressed in the film. There are good answers to the deterrence school of thought to be sure, but Wednesday's film did not make them.

The basic issue today is whether or not the Soviet Union has or will soon have a first-strike capability. The Reagans assert that if we do not arm to the hilt, the Soviets will gain a superiority sufficient enough to allow them to strike first and with enough force to preclude our retaliation. Thus, the only way to insure against a nuclear catastrophe is to maintain a deterrent credible enough to keep the Soviets from even thinking of a pre-emptive strike. This, of course, requires a massive build-up on our part, which the administration has undertaken. What this approach desires is simply a balance of power which was the source of Europe's relative stability throughout the nineteenth century.

The most obvious answers to the administration's position are really quite simple. As for the possibility of

a Soviet first-strike capability, that is precluded by the existence of our fleet of Trident Submarines, which are virtually invulnerable given their invisibility, and which are extremely effective as offensive weapons: each has the capability to destroy all the major cities in Eastern Europe. As for the balance of power thesis, the fact is that nuclear parity between the United States and the Soviet Union was only reached within the last two decades. To say that a balance of power has been effective for fifteen or twenty years is not to say much.

Aside from that, parallels between conventional and nuclear forces are not valid given the disparity in the levels of destruction each type of force can render. Even when the balance of power in Europe finally collapsed in 1914, and with all the destruction that followed, it did not mean the end of civilization as a whole. The fundamental difference in the nature of the two is that the failure to a conventional balance of

power is not permanent and all-inclusive, while the failure of a nuclear balance of power incurs losses which are all-encompassing as well as irrecoverable. However, the film did not touch upon these issues.

In fact the proponents of a nuclear freeze even went so far as to contradict their own premises on several occasions. The most obvious case was when Daniel Ellsberg and a retired German general asserted that the United States was far superior to the Soviet Union in nuclear strength. The freeze proponents have always held that the relative sizes of our opposing arsenals is itself irrelevant; that after a point it does not matter who has a superiority big or small, so long as both were able to destroy the world 23 or 46 or 68 times over.

In saying that we are superior, Ellsberg and his ilk jump two spaces when they should only jump one: not content with the idea that a condition of nuclear parity is dangerous enough, they go on to hold that we

are actually ahead in the race, and thus have all the more reason to discourage further rearmament. The problem is that this argument admits the possibility of one side having an advantage at all, contradicting the notion that such an advantage is irrelevant, and allowing the possibility that the Soviets themselves may one day have it.

I could go on and on about this film and the problems therein, but I am running out of time, patience and erasable bond. If the rest of this series is no more credible than the first installment then the whole thing is a good waste of time and electricity, except for those who enjoy having their preconceived notions of the correctness of an immediate nuclear freeze amplified and articulated. For those who desire even a glimpse of something approximating the truth, there will probably be little satisfaction, because the truth, like the obvious, "is what seldom gets said."

## announcements announcements

On Tuesday, February 7, Marjorie Collins, Department of English, Linguistics and Speech, will deliver a lecture: "World Without Myth: Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*," in Chandler 304 at 7 p.m.

United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM) will hold a re-organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Monroe 207.

"Regency" a five man a capella vocal group from Baltimore will perform in Dodd Auditorium on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

The MWC Center for Historic Preservation is sponsoring a lecture: Winterthur in Virginia - "Two Cen-

turies of American Furniture" by Peter Hammell, Coordinator of Museum Programs, Winterthur Museum, on Thursday, February 9 in Monroe 104 at 8 p.m.

The MWC Volunteer Income Assistance Program will be held in Monroe 104 from 9:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, February 11. Bring your W2 forms and other tax records and get help filing your return.

### JIM EMERY

## Consult the Students

In the past few months, the Administration has made some very important decisions that in one way or another, affected students. In these circumstances, which I will mention momentarily, few if any students were consulted. Of course, the Administration routinely makes decisions affecting students, that is their job. The Administration exist to run the college, which is here for the students. However, students should have a greater input into decisions that affect their lives. The Administration's absolute decision-making power is not only unfair, but unwise.

Consider the case of Mary Kate Carroll's artwork titled "American Liberty Upside Down." The controversial painting was banned from an alumni art show last fall. Since then, the incident has not blown over, but keeps resurfacing, most recently in the *The Washington Post*. The specifics of the case need not be repeated here (for more detailed information see Mary Smith's article in last week's *Bullet*), but the Administration's reasons for prohibiting the painting's display seems shaky.

The more important issue for students to ponder is if the Administration can ban a painting, what else can they, or will they, ban? The right of free expression and the right to be exposed to alternative ideas is very important to the educational process. The danger from censorship, or any other prohibition of free expression, is that once it starts where will it end up?

The next point, concerning the legislature's visit to MWC, was covered very well in *The Bullet* editorial and in a letter to the editor. It seems the Administration was embarrassed to have important politicians (who work for us and are paid by our tax dollars) run into average

Mary Washington students. The part of the memo that galled me the most mentioned switching the pub to Seacobeck to achieve greater capacity. The Administration doesn't give a shit about the other nights when students stand in freezing weather in lines that stretch far down the sidewalk. Everybody realizes that the legislatures visit to MWC was very important, but the way the Administration pushed the students around left a sour taste in a lot of people's mouths.

The last point I would like to make, while probably the least important, will probably have the greatest interest to students. That is the off tap night in the pub on Wednesdays. Supporters claim it is a good idea because some students who can't or don't want to drink should be able to go to the pub and not feel pressured to drink. (But why on Wednesday?)

Very few people can remember when there was no pub. Back then, the C-Shop was the only campus drinking spot (except for periodic keg parties). The Pool Room (originally designated for keg parties, but with too low a capacity) was converted into a pub for nightly drinking and entertainment because there was no nearby alternative. Now the pub serves as a source of fundraising for many clubs and organizations. By sponsoring live entertainment on Wednesdays and Thursdays, those groups could almost be assured of raising much needed revenues. Now many organizations may be reluctant to sponsor entertainment on Wednesdays because of the uncertain turnout.

Many students are upset with the off tap night. No one forces students to drink on any night, and the existence of off tap night defeats the purpose of the pub.

## DEAR MWC STUDENTS,

**WHILE WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 7th YEAR ANNIVERSARY WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR 2 FOR 1 SPECIALS. WE'VE BEEN SERVING YOU FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE TO COME. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIALS. \$4.48 FOR THE SANDWICHES CALL IN FOR THE PIZZAS.**

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# Honor Violation Convictions Increase

by RICHARD EHRLE

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of convictions due to honor offenses within the past administrative year of the Honor Council. The increase in convictions is mainly due to a higher visibility of Honor System and the fact that more students and faculty members are taking honor offenders to court. According to James Miller, President of the Honor Council, the rise in convictions represents an "increase in the visibility of the Honor System." This can be attributed to several recent changes made by the Honor Council, said Miller. Among changes, according to Miller, was the addition of pledge cards in the rooms, by the past Honor Council President Sarah Thompson.

In addition, a new slide presentation explaining the MWC Honor System to freshmen and transfer students was begun last fall along with the publication of a new pamphlet designed to acquaint newcomers to the Honor System. There have been eleven convictions, so far, under the 1983-84 administration of Miller. This contrasts with seven convictions in the 1982-83 administrative year and six convictions in the 1981-82 administrative year. Miller remarked that the surge in convictions reflects

"an increase in faculty confidence." This confidence was reflected in a survey, taken last year, of the faculty on the Honor System. The survey concluded "that the Honor Council does an adequate to excellent job," albeit with differences of opinion expressed by faculty members over the various penalties that can be imposed on offenders. Miller added that "we have the most superior Honor System in the state," although "it could be better."

Asked what changes could be made in the Honor System, Miller suggested that "the aide to the accuser be allowed to speak-turn it into a prosecutor. An attorney can speak for a defendant, but an accuser can't get help in court from the aide to the accuser."

While an attorney can have opening or closing statements or question material used as evidence, the aide to the accuser is not allowed to make such statements or question the evidence.

Miller also identified "inconsistency in court decisions," as a concern of his. According to Miller, "the court can't look at precedent to determine what kind of penalty to impose in case of a conviction." Miller cited an example of two students convicted of plagiarism.

"One student would receive absolute dismissal while the other student would receive suspension. Each conviction has to be looked at on its own merits, which," says Miller, "results in a loss of consistency."

Scott Kaplan, an Honor Representative for the past two Honor Council administrations, believed the upsurge in convictions to be the result of "more faith in the Honor System. People are actually tired of seeing things slide by. There is an increase in students taking other students to court."

Asked why there was more faith in the Honor System, Kaplan continued, "the school's gone through a lot of transition. It has become more

acclimated to being coed. During the period of transition Honor sort of got pushed off the side. People are now coming back to the old standards and values they used to have." Kaplan said he did not believe there was an increase in violations. "No, I think they've always been there. It's just that more students and teachers are accusers."

The most frequent case, according to Kaplan, is plagiarism. "Ninety-five percent of the plagiarism cases are brought up by professors. Plagiarism is easy because the students forget that in writing papers for a professor, the professor already knows everything they are going to write into the paper."

Honor Representative Betsy Carswell, a member of the court for two years, agreed with Kaplan "that people are fed up with people violating the Honor Code." Although there have been more convictions, Carswell also believed that changes could be made to strengthen the Honor System. Carswell suggested that "more time needs to be spent on back to basics and work on training Council members on how to be a good jury."

Sara Jones, the newest member on the Honor Council, believed the increase in conviction was the result of "more people participating." Jones added that, "in general the system works well."

## RAY MATALONI

# World Traveller, Part II

In the days that passed, I was equally unsuccessful at the hunt. Finding myself on the brink of starvation, I began eating assorted vegetation but stopped abruptly when I suffered a violent attack of stomach cramps. Then my hair fell out. My body became so weak that I couldn't move my limbs. What's more, I lost my speech entirely except for the word, "codfish." It is obvious to the reader that I was somehow miraculously saved, but the true miracle was being rescued by a pack of leopards.

The band took me in as one of their own and nursed me back to health. Realizing my ineptitude at stalking

game, I took on an exaggerated limp. This sufficed as an excuse to remain in camp with the ladies while the males fetched us a snack. Actually, the more refined half of leopard culture is to be found with the females and I was fortunate enough to have fallen in with a company of feline literati. We passed the evenings swapping poems, ballads, and anecdotes. So many of their creations amused me but this witticism truly captures the comic genius of big game cats, "Grawwwl, snarl hych snarl pffff ruff ruff snarl growl."

The ladies were fond of the bits of American culture that I shared with

them (for the most part, anyway). They loved fairy tales but were upset by the "stupidity" of the wolf in Red Riding Hood. They found singing to be an irksome pastime and began to gnaw on my leg when I sang, "Copacabana."

*What did I learn from my African Odyssey? What are the fruits of living a life in the wild? Rather than calling upon my own humble experience for an answer, I would like to quote Henry David Thoreau. Thoreau had a longer and much deeper communion with nature. He was once asked what he had learned in his solitude. Mr. Thoreau stared thoughtfully for a moment and replied, ". . . . what?"*

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## CHA Expands for Spring

by DEONA HOUFF

After sponsoring entertainment in Seacobeck Basement once month per semester, the Coffee House Association hopes to sponsor events least once a week, according to President Bruce VanHorn. CHA was formed last semester to provide a "non-alcoholic entertainment alternative" on campus, said VanHorn. The coffee houses not only cater to those seeking an alternative to the pub, but also serve as an open forum for Mary Washington College entertainers.

We are not trying to berate or compete with the pub; we are merely providing the student body

with an alternative," said VanHorn. CHA hopes to feature entertainers such as musicians, comedians, mimes, small groups presenting short plays or skits, storytellers and poets.

In an effort to improve Seacobeck basement's atmosphere, VanHorn said a council of students, along with Dean Bill Baker, is trying to have the room dedicated and named after a famous cartoonist, pending permission of the cartoonist. Plans are not yet final. For now, the name will remain *Coffee House*.

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# Coffee House

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Presently, the CHA is being run as a private club through the Interclub Association and funded accordingly. However, VanHorn said the large scale to which MWC demands CHA to be run is too much for a club to handle and tentative plans are to work CHA into a permanent facet of student government, probably under the College Programming Board.

"With the proper enthusiasm of the administration and the cooperation of the student body; we can make this alternative a big success," said VanHorn.

This semester's entertainment begins Friday, Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight with "Upswing," a four-man original jazz group from Fredericksburg, and "Shelter Island," a campus acoustic duo, appearing. There will be a 50 cent cover charge.

The two groups will also appear with many other groups in the Musical Smorgasboard on February 11 at 8 p.m., benefitting the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence.

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Over Christmas break, the Trinkle Library began to undergo some changes, the biggest of which is converting from the Dewey Decimal System, or a listing by numbers, to the Library of Congress system, or a listing by letters of the alphabet.

As of December 19, 1983, any new books that the library receives are classified under the Library of Congress system and stored in the Psychology library until the rest of the books are relisted. The books in the Bibliography Room were relisted over winter break. Since the Library of Congress' "A" classification of General Works is broader than the Dewey "OOO's", the Bibliography Room was renamed the Reference Room, making it the second one in Trinkle.

According to librarian Ruby Weinbrecht, the idea to switch to the Library of Congress system first came about in 1971, but too much time and money was needed, and

Mary Washington College decided to stay with the Dewey Decimal System for the meantime. Today, time and money is still needed, but the growth of knowledge is forcing Trinkle to change, said Weinbrecht.

In the 1800's when Melvin Dewey created his decimal system, he divided knowledge into ten parts. Throughout the years, new ideas, like atomic energy, were created, yet they were hard to classify under this very general system. Under the Library of Congress system, there are about 40 different subject classifications.

Another advantage of the Library of Congress system is the numbering of books. Under the Dewey Decimal System, no major list exists, so each library has a different number for the same book. This doesn't cause as much trouble between libraries as it does within the library; when a new book is added, several others might have to be renumbered. Under the Library of Congress system, the

library has a list of specific numbers to assign to specific books. Library of Congress listings are easier to computerize and computers can further reduce the workload and relisting.

The switch to the Library of Congress system will last for several years, one of the reasons being the Trinkle staff wants to make the change as easy on the students as possible. The first changes will be the book groups that are easiest to convert from the Dewey Decimal System to that of the Library of Congress. Part of the refinements have been relisted, and Spring break, the rest of them transfigured.

Since this conversion will require a lot of time, Weinbrecht said the college may hire a company that specializes in library listings. Conversion is made possible because the Trinkle Library is Washington College's project for the year. Other plans of Trinkle include renovating the building and computerizing all library information.

## Transfer Attractions Vary

by ROSEMARIE DIAMOND

We all know people who, for one reason or another, have decided Mary Washington College was not the place for them and have transferred out. Often it seems that all we hear about are the students leaving MWC and very little about those transferring to MWC.

According to Dean Conrad Warlick, the exact number of students who did not return at the

beginning of this semester is unknown. Students are not obligated to inform the college if they are not returning. They often simply do not appear at the beginning of the semester.

However, the number of new students is known. MWC has 12 new freshmen and 63 new transfer students this semester. Originally, 139 students applied for the Spring '84 semester. 98 were accepted, and 73 enrolled.

This enrollment figure shows a marked increase from last semester. At that time, 104 students applied, 65 were accepted, and 48 enrolled.

One of our new students this semester is Shelley Lauro, sophomore living in Randolph Hall. Shelley transferred from the University of Toledo because she felt MWC offered a better program in her major, International Affairs and Public Administration. Shelley also likes the area and feels that the friendly

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# Shaping Up with Baldson

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Here at MWC, Mary Baldson seems to be just as popular as Jane Fonda or Richard Simmons among aerobic exercisers.

Every Monday through Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Baldson, a junior here at MWC, teaches aerobics in the

activity room in Goolrick gym. The program, which she started in Willard Dorm, has grown to be a campus wide activity.

Last semester Mary decided to start an aerobic exercise program in her dorm as a result of a questionnaire that indicated that many girls

on campus wanted an exercise program. She offered to teach in her dorm. Word spread around campus and she began to hold her class in Goolrick Hall, in order to accommodate more people. This semester, 75 people showed up for her first class and every night after, at least 40 people have come.

Mary taught over the summer when she was taking an aerobic exercise class. The teacher asked Mary if she would be interested in teaching and a new career began.

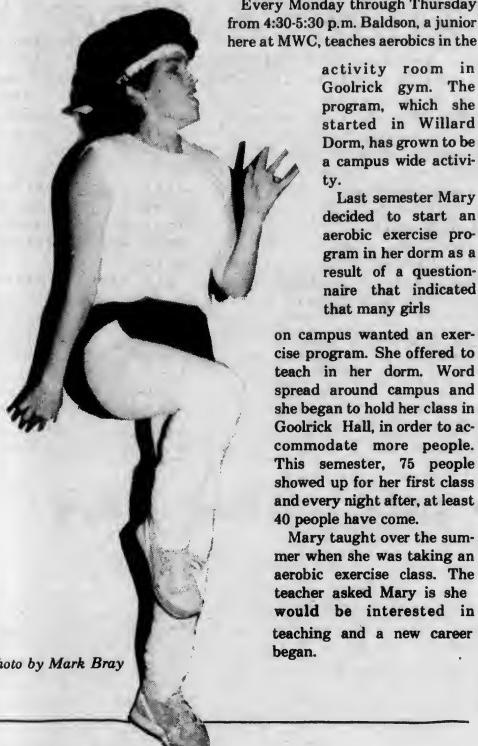


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Aerobics instructor Mary Baldson

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Mary says the benefits of aerobics are incredible. "Aerobics has been proven to reduce anxiety and depression. It burns eight to ten calories a minute and works both the upper and lower body. Aerobics reduces the resting heart rate and strengthens heart muscles."

Mary stresses safety in her classes and only has one rule: nobody makes fun of anybody else. Everyone goes at his own speed.

Mary, who plans on getting a master's degree in exercise physiology, really enjoys teaching the class. "The girls love the class, and I really get into it," she says.

The Bullet is looking for a sports editor. Applications should be submitted to ACL 304. If you have any questions please call ext. 4393.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

MWC upped their Capital Conference record to 2-2 with Thursday's 84-73 defeat of St. Mary's College before losing Saturday 68-66 to N. Carolina Wesleyan College. Tim Jones sank two buckets in the last 30 seconds, but Anthony Reese missed the tying bucket at the buzzer. Tony Ferris was high scorer with 22. Frank Gilmore scored 23 points in a Jan. 31 87-83 loss to Salisbury State. The Tide was behind by 18 with four minutes re-

## Transfers, from p.6

ple here are one of MWC's best assets.

Another transfer student this semester is Phil Schmidt. Phil originally attended Northern Virginia Community College as a commuting student. As a biology/geology major, Phil likes MWC's academic reputation, small school atmosphere and location. In comparing the attitudes of a campus comprising predominantly of commuting students as opposed to one with mostly resident students, Phil feels people are much friendlier here.

Cecelia Walthal transferred from Virginia Commonwealth Univ. She now lives in Westmoreland Hall and is Russian Studies/Classics major who hopes to channel her studies in writing and interpreting-related work. Cecelia's sister, who is a senior here, originally introduced Cecelia to campus life here. Cecelia always intended to come to MWC, attending VCU only to pull her grades up.

She much prefers the structured academics and excellent professors of MWC as opposed to the unstructured

system at VCU. Like most of the other transfer students, Cecilia commented on MWC's gorgeous campus, and she feels MWC was worth waiting for and working toward.

Mark Bray, a transfer from NOVA, and a geology major, was attracted to MWC because credit transfer to here is excellent. Another attraction was the option of doing an internship through one of the science departments best majors, geology.

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### WHAT: A Frisbee Design Contest

Information on Frisbee must include: 8th Annual Virginia State Frisbee Championship, Mary Washington College, April 14 and 15. Please bring design entries to the Bullet before February 12. For further information please call:

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## Sports Roundup

maining. MWC's overall record is 7-11. The JV record is 1-8.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Melanie Taylor and Trish Long with 19 and 18, respectively, led the Tide in Saturday's 69-43 victory over Marymount. On Thursday, MWC held St. Mary's to the lowest score of any opponent all year in a 75-30 victory. Candice Fletcher and Helen Morrow scored career highs with 12 and eight, respectively. MWC lost to Notre Dame of Maryland 88-87 Jan. 31. Their record is 10-6.

## INDOOR TRACK

Kate Demarest set a MWC record in the 1000 meter in Saturday's meet at Catonsville Community College with 3:10.2. She and 3000 meter runners Martha Forsyth, Judy Hubbell and Carol Scull qualified for the ECAC meet.

Don Zdanciewicz also set a record at Catonsville in the 5000 meter with 16:21. No team scores were kept at the meet.

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